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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference(s) cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

This reference has been cited in a French office action in the counterpart French patent application. The French Patent Office considers this reference as technological background only. A copy of the listed document is attached.

The reference shows a vacuum cleaning tool having a brush roller driven by an air

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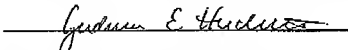
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turbine. In order to prevent injuries caused by the brush roller when the vacuum cleaner is lifted off the floor, protective devices are provided, for example, a brake for slowing the turbine and thus the brush roller (Figs. 3, 4 show air streaming in in opposite directions; Figs. 15, 16 show brake 67, 69); a flap closing off the vacuum flow (Fig. 6 at 37); a shield shielding the brush roller (Figs. 21-24) etc. The reference does not show a first flow connection and a second flow connection that allow the suction airflow to enter the turbine chamber and are arranged relative to an imaginary plane as defined in claim 1.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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☒ PTO 1449
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